

Notice of Allowability

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to examiner's amendment filed on 1/20/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 50 and 54.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 1-20-6
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION
EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joseph L. Lazaroff on 01-20-06.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 57,61,64-67 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 50 and 54 are allowed.

3. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Regarding claims 50 and 54 the most relevant prior art of record Yacenda et al (5822418) teaches a method for managing telephone service for a plurality of persons sharing a common telephone line based on determining whether a person sharing the common telephone line is at the location served by the common telephone line and for restricting completion of a telephone call from the common telephone line to permit said telephone call to be completed only when a required person is present at the Location served by the common telephone line, comprising the steps of periodically transmitting

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a unique signal from a transmitter adapted to accompany the Person; receiving said signal in a base station at the location served by the telephone line the base station containing a processor a receiver and for each person sharing the telephone line a database record unique to the person; the signal emitted by said transmitter having sufficient strength to be received by said base station receiver only when said transmitter is in close proximity to said receiver; processing said unique signal within the base station; correlating said unique signal to the unique record maintained for each person in a the base station database; recording a receipt of said signal in said base station database record; recording a failure to receive said signal in said base station database record; upon detecting a change in at least one of said records in said base station database initiating a wire line telephone call to a local telephone network controller, uploading said changed records in the base station database via the wire line telephone call into a network database maintained by the local telephone network controller thereby to record whether each of the persons sharing the common telephone line is or is not at the location served by the common telephone line; after uploading said base station database, disconnecting said telephone call to the local telephone network controller. The system includes a private branch exchange PBX, having a processing unit and several telephones for enabling telephone communication between several users. A locator, which is connected to the telephone controller, provides location information. The locator comprises multiple portable badges engaged with the corresponding users and transmits badge information including an identification signal for identifying the user associated with the respective badge. Multiple transceivers are

provided, each of which is operatively connected to the PBX and receives the badge information transmitted from the badges. Each transceiver further electrically forwards a portion of the badge information to the processing unit, to determine location information of the users. A database stores the updated location information including an archival location data including last location and the time at the last location for each user. The archival location is accessible from any of the telephones. The locator is selectively accessed by the PBX, for retrieving the location information, from any of the telephones. The retrieved location information is transmitted to the selected telephone. One of several telephone functions for use in conjunction with the location information for communicating with a called user is selectively activated number being called may be completed only if at least one required person is present; checking the updated network database to determine whether said at least one required person is present at the location served by the common telephone line; permitting said outbound telephone call to be completed only if said at least one required person is present at the location served by the common telephone line.

Bennett, III et al (6370233) teaches home security system with call management functionality for homeowners. A call management controller is connected to telephone network for enabling, disabling or modifying telephone services selected from night mode privacy, automated attendant, follow me service, kid control, maid minder and voice mail delivery based on user's presence and identity. A security controller identifies the user presence. Toll calls can be prohibited or limited in length, total number of calls can be limited, duration of individual calls or total time on telephone

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could be limited through kid control service function reliably. All calls will be answered and the caller will be advised to leave a message unless it is an emergency through the night mode privacy service functions. Claims 50 and 57 are allowable over the prior art of record since the cited references taken individually or in combination in view of Applicant Remarks/in the amendment filed on 1/11/2006.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should clearly be labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Khawar Iqbal whose telephone number is (571) 272-7909.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Marsha D. Banks-Harold can be reached on (571) 272-7905. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist/customer service whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

Khawar Iqbal

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ch Appiah', with a stylized, cursive script.

**CHARLES APPIAH
PRIMARY EXAMINER**